

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDETOSHI WADA ET AL.) : Examiner: Jamie J. Vent
Application No.: 09/479,653) : Art Unit: 2621
Filed: January 10, 2000) : Conf. No.: 3352
For: IMAGE COMMUNICATION)
APPARATUS FOR WIRELESS :
COMMUNICATION OF DIGITAL)
IMAGES, AND METHOD THEREOF :
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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants submit the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability that accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated September 21, 2007. On page 2 it states that "the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose or suggest the following limitation: 'a control unit adapted to determine, using additional information corresponding to the digital image recorded on the recording medium, whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already transmitted to the external recording apparatus, the additional information being received from the external recording apparatus.'" However, Applicants respectfully submit that, in addition, the following limitations are not taught by the prior art: "wherein said control unit controls said wireless communication unit to transmit the digital image recorded on the

recording medium to the external recording apparatus if said control unit determines that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already transmitted to the external recording apparatus, and wherein said control unit avoids transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if said control unit determines that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already transmitted to the external recording apparatus."

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